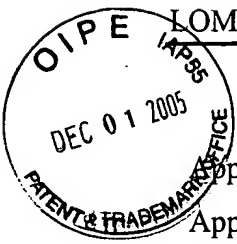


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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Applicant : Denney *et al.*
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FOR MATERIAL PROCESSING
Examiner : M. Alexandra Elve
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- ☐ Record complete and accurate - Interview Record OK

Examiner's Initials: _____

Review Date: _____

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the Interview Summary of October 31, 2005, Applicant submits this Summary of Interview for recording in the official file.

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted in person and attended by the Examiner, M. Alexandra Elve, and Applicants' Representative, William Bunker.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

Photos and video of a prototype laser system for material processing.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 1, as amended on October 13, 2005:

1. An apparatus for processing a surface of an inhabitable structure, the apparatus comprising:

a laser base unit adapted to provide laser light to an interaction region, the laser light removing material from the structure, the laser base unit comprising a laser generator and a laser head coupled to the laser generator, the laser head adapted to

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remove the material from the interaction region, thereby providing reduced disruption to activities within the structure;

a laser manipulation system comprising:

an anchoring mechanism adapted to be releasably coupled to the structure, and

a positioning mechanism releasably coupled to the anchoring mechanism and releasably coupled to the laser head, the laser manipulation system adapted to controllably adjust the position of the laser head relative to the structure; and

a controller electrically coupled to the laser base unit and the laser manipulation system, the controller adapted to transmit control signals to the laser base unit and to the laser manipulation system in response to user input.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Although the Interview Summary form completed by the Examiner does not indicate that prior art was discussed, it will be noted that the Uraki *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,977,515) and Otsubo *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,507,000) references were discussed in interviews held with the same Examiner in related cases on the same day, and thus were, in essence, discussed in connection with the subject application.

Proposed Amendments

None.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

The claim taken as a whole is not anticipated or rendered obvious by the cited prior art, either taken along or as in combination.

Results of Interview

Agreement with respect to the claims was not reached.

The Examiner will subject the claim language to further searching on the topic of "anchoring and releasable coupling limitations." Where the Examiner refers to an "anchoring and releasable coupling limitations," it was understood by the Examiner and the Applicants' Representative that the phrase is a shorthand or abbreviated phrase used for convenience, and refers to the language of Claim 1, taken as a whole, as set forth above.

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No fees are believed due. However, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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